

Senate Resolution 161

By: Senators Brown of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Tarver of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Walter Curtis Butler, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss one of its most distinguished citizens and
3 dedicated public servants with the passing of Mr. Walter Curtis Butler, Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, born in Morgan County, Georgia, on December 12, 1943, Mr. Butler was the
5 beloved son of the late Hattie Mae Mitchell Butler and Walter Curtis Butler, Sr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Butler graduated from Pearl High School in 1962, and was known
7 throughout his community for his leadership skills and commitment to Morgan County and
8 the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, a jack of all trades, Mr. Butler's career consisted of assorted positions, such as
10 a supervisor for Watertown Manufacturer, a certified USDA meat inspector for the Georgia
11 Department of Agriculture, a shipping supervisor for Nimslo-3 Dimension Camera, and a
12 customer service and account analyst for AT&T, retiring from Lucent Technologies in 2004
13 as an account analyst; and

14 WHEREAS, an active life member of the NAACP, Mr. Butler helped found the
15 organization's Morgan County branch where he served as treasurer, president, and chairman
16 of the life membership committee; and

17 WHEREAS, a man of great faith and devotion, Mr. Butler was an active member of Mt. Zion
18 Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as chairman of the board of deacons, Treasurer
19 of Mt. Zion's building fund, assistant Sunday school superintendent, and was a member of
20 the trustee board and the senior choir; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Butler gave generously of his time to many important civic and public
22 organizations, such as the Northeast Georgia Leadership Council, the Morgan County

23 Democratic Party, the Democratic Party of Georgia, the Criminal Justice Coordinating
24 Council, the Morgan County Civic League, and the Fannie Lou Hammer Project; and

25 WHEREAS, his great service to the public and his community was honored with his receipt
26 of such awards as the NAACP Club 100, the Southeast Region Medgar Evers Award, the
27 Voter Empowerment Award, the Georgia State Conference Ruby Hurley Award, and the Earl
28 T. Shinhoster Freedom Fighter Award; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Butler was united in love and marriage to Laura B. Wilson Butler on June
30 2, 1967, and the two were blessed with three loving and devoted children, Lavelle, Celeste,
31 and Curtis; and

32 WHEREAS, a great source of pride and joy, Mr. Butler also had five grandsons: Terry,
33 Michael, Christopher, Caleb, and Jaden; and

34 WHEREAS, all who were privileged to know this distinguished Georgian join his family in
35 mourning his loss.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body hereby joins
37 in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Walter Curtis Butler, Jr., and expressing its
38 appreciation of his many contributions to his community and the State of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Butler's family.